



OCTOBER 2020

Monthly Snapshot

UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement



PANEL MEMBERS

Co-chair Donald Kaberuka
7th President of the African Development Bank

Co-chair Federica Mogherini
Former High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur
Director-General of Fundacion Compaz, Colombia

Mr. Mitiku Kassa Gutile
Commissioner for Emergency Response, Ethiopia

Mr. Per Heggnes
CEO of IKEA Foundation

Mr. Nasser Judeh
Senator, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Ms. Pauline Riak
Chair of the Board of Directors at the Sudd Institute, South Sudan

Ms. Sima Samar
State Minister for Human Rights and International Affairs, Afghanistan

The Expert Advisory Group (EAG) is comprised of **Mr. Chaloka Beyani**, Associate Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics; **Ms. Alexandra Bilak**, Director of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre; **Ms. Elizabeth Ferris**, Research Professor at Georgetown University; and **Mr. Walter Kälin**, Former Representative of UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons.

Fifth High-Level Panel meeting concludes with action points on thematic priorities and report outline



Photo: Members of the High-Level Panel, Expert Advisory Group and Secretariat convened for the fifth time this year as part of a routine discussion on the work's progress and planning for the next steps. (October 29, Virtual)

Virtual, 29 October - The COVID-19 pandemic may be a disruptor worldwide but it has not slowed down the Panel's commitment in addressing the global internal displacement crisis. While physically separated, Panel members convened for the fifth time this year, connecting virtually from Afghanistan, Belgium, Colombia, Ethiopia, Jordan, Rwanda, South Sudan and Switzerland.

The three-hour meeting began with opening remarks delivered by Co-Chair Donald Kaberuka and Co-Chair Federica Mogherini. This was quickly followed by core discussions on the follow-up action points gathered from the fourth Panel Meeting, held on August 27. Among the topics on the table were the thematic priorities of the Panel's process, the incoming results of consultations with IDPs and host communities as well as the draft of the report outline.

Since the last meeting, the Panel has received 14 additional submissions, including from affected

states, amounting to 92 total submissions. Results from consultations with IDPs and host communities have also started to come in from over 20 countries with the support of partners on the ground (see pg. 4 for more information).

While much has progressed, all eight members nevertheless recognized that there is still work ahead until the finish line. In her concluding remarks, Co-Chair Mogherini noted that "expectations are high" but the Panel is up for the ambitious task to identify "bold recommendations." This was echoed in her earlier remarks concerning the Panel's work at a Human Rights Council's seminar the same day.

"We are making good progress," tweeted Co-Chair Kaberuka after the meeting, thanking his fellow Panel members for the achievements so far. The group is expected to meet for the sixth Panel meeting in late November.



OCTOBER EVENTS



Meeting with Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs
October 6, Virtual



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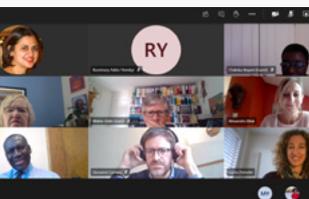
Panel Member, Paula Gaviria Betancur, presented in GP20 webinar on "Peacebuilding and Internal Forced Displacement"
October 6, Virtual



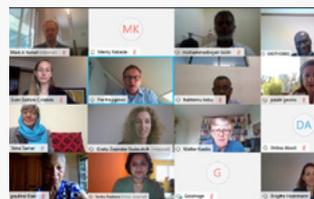
Secretariat Meeting with Andreas Papaconstantinou, Director of Neighbourhood and Middle East at DG ECHO
October 6, Virtual



Secretariat Meeting with H.E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland
October 7, Palais des Nations

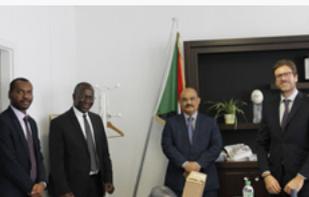


Secretariat Meeting with the Expert Advisory Group in preparation for the 5th Panel Meeting
October 14, Virtual



SPOTLIGHT

Panel Meeting on the integration of IDPs in Adama, Ethiopia
October 15, Virtual



Secretariat Meeting with H.E. Ambassador Ali Ibn Abi Talib Abdelrahman Mahmoud, Permanent Representative of Sudan
October 19, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sudan in Geneva



Head of Secretariat, George Okoth-Obbo, spoke in UN General Assembly's side event on "Internal Displacement in the Context of Climate Change"
October 20, Virtual



SPOTLIGHT

Panel member, Sima Samar, and EAG member, Beth Ferris, spoke in ODI's event on "Why gender matters to internal displacement"
October 26, Virtual



SPOTLIGHT

Panel Co-Chair, Federica Mogherini, opened OHCHR's interessional seminar on human rights and IDPs
October 29, Virtual

SPOTLIGHT

Sharing Colombia's peace process experience in GP20 event

PRESENTACIÓN

Sra. Paula Gaviria

Miembro del Panel de Alto Nivel del Secretario General sobre Desplazamientos Internos y Directora de la Fundación Centro de Recursos para la Paz - Compaz

Member of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement and Director of the Foundation Resources Center for Peace

"It is in working together that we can continue to put the voices of people at the center of what we do. They know the lasting solutions for their situations."

-Paula Gaviria Betancur, Panel Member and Director of Compaz Fundación

October 6, Virtual - Panel Member, Paula Gaviria Betancur, presented in a webinar on ["Peacebuilding and Internal Forced Displacement: Victims Reparation and Inclusion in the Context of Colombia's Peace Process."](#) organized by the GP20 initiative, UNHCR, IOM and UNDP. The key discussions were on the challenges and intersection of the Victims Law and Peace Accords with FARC as well as the coordination opportunities with institutional initiatives for victims of internal forced displacement.

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Lessons learned on integrating urban IDPs: the case of Adama, Ethiopia

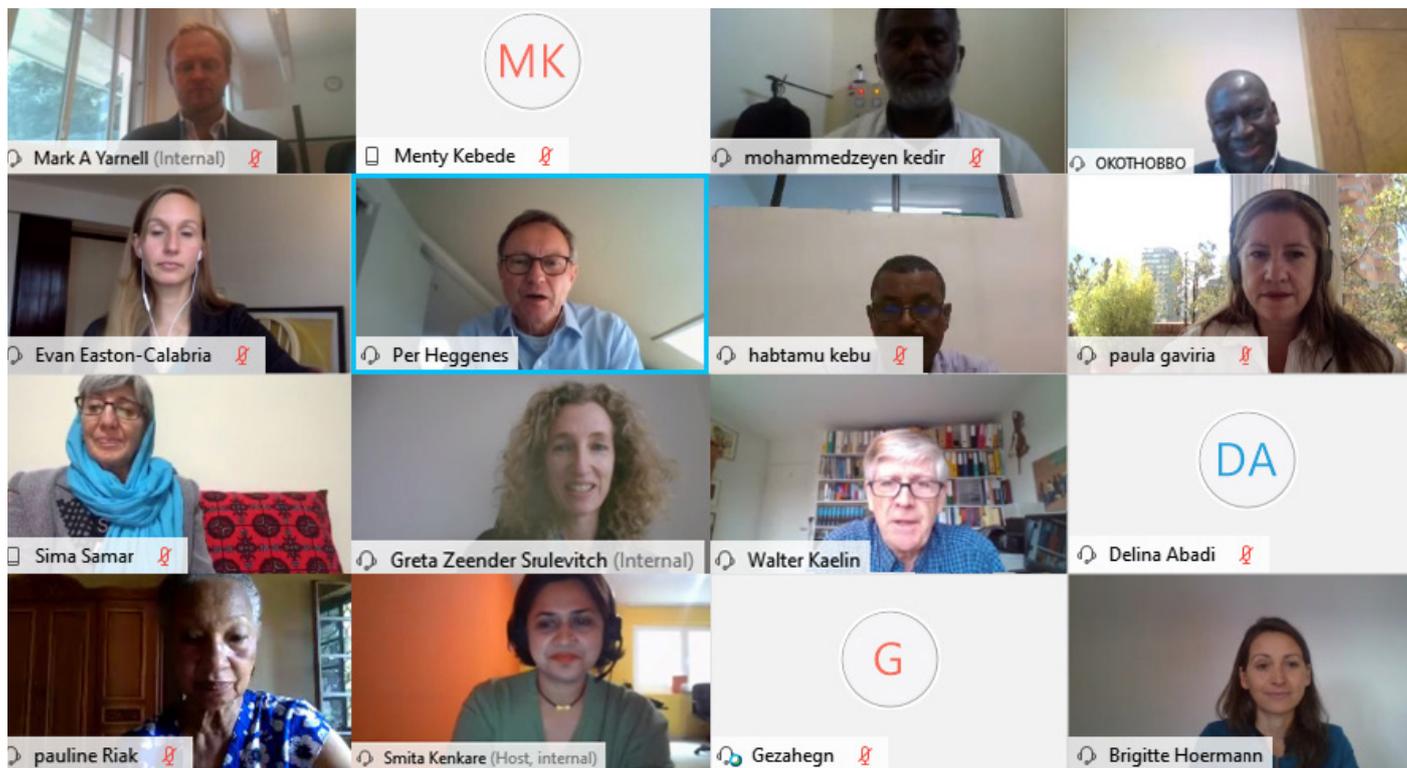


Photo: Panel members (Paula Gaviria Betancur, Per Heggenes, Pauline Riak, Sima Samar), EAG member (Walter Kaelin), and Secretariat members were actively engaged in the webinar on the lessons learned on the integration of urban IDPs in Adama, Ethiopia. (October 15, Virtual)

October 15, Virtual - With the support of Cities Alliance, the Secretariat has jointly organized a webinar on the integration of IDPs in Adama, Ethiopia, to better understand the challenges faced by cities in accommodating IDPs in the short- and long-term and how city administrators are able to overcome them.

Presentations were delivered by Mr Mohammedzeyen Kedir Shurea from the Ministry of Urban Development and Construction of Ethiopia, Dr Habtamu Kebu from Adama University, based on his work with the Mayor of Adama, H.E. Hailu Jelde, and researchers from Oxford

University including Dr Evan Easton-Calabria. Presenters spoke about the successful collective and largely local response, involving actors ranging from the government, businesses and communities, in integrating IDPs in Adama over a short period of time. The testimonies of local stakeholders will inform the Panel's work to increase global attention on internal displacements to cities. It is estimated that a majority of IDPs seek refuge in urban areas.

For more information, [click here](#) to read the report on mobilising local resources in Ethiopia for urban IDPs.

SPOTLIGHT

Gender matters to displacement and beyond

October 26, Virtual - Panel member, Sima Samar, and Expert Advisory Group member, Elizabeth Ferris, presented in a webinar on ["Why gender matters to internal displacement,"](#) organized by the Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) at ODI. They were joined by Maria Al Abdeh, Executive Director at Women Now for Development, and Megan Daigle, Senior Research Fellow at HPG ODI who chaired the event. All three speakers took questions by the audience, answering on topics ranging from gender inclusion in the solution process, gender disaggregated data and the role of women's organizations and associations.



PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH

"Without concrete climate and development action, over 143 million people could be forced to move within their own countries by 2050."

Report on internal displacement in the context of the slow-onset adverse effects of climate change

This Thematic Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, was delivered to the General Assembly this October, which calls into attention the slow on-set effects of climate change as threat multipliers and risk amplifiers that lead to internal displacement.

To download the report, [click here](#).



Photo: Consultations with IDPs conducted by partners on the ground on the Panel's behalf in Burkina Faso (October, Kaya, Burkina Faso)

THE RESULTS ARE IN.



Panel secretariat receives consultations results from over 20 countries

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions, consultations with affected communities, including IDPs and host communities, were carried out by partners on the ground on the Panel's behalf. The three-month process is now reaching its end with results coming in from over 20 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Over 8,000 IDPs and host community members were involved in the consultations, based on the results so far. Stay tuned for more information!

Thank you to our partners on the ground for their support: ACT Alliance, Care, Danish Refugee Council, IOM, Norwegian Refugee Council, Plan International, UN Women, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMGCY, World Vision.

SPOTLIGHT

Panel Co-Chair opens Human Rights Council event, marking 20 years of Guiding Principles

October 29, Virtual - The Panel's Co-Chair, Federica Mogherini, was among the speakers to open a [Human Rights Council's seminar on IDPs](#) with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, and the President of the Human Rights Council, Ambassador Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger of Austria. The event marks the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and brought together Member States and other stakeholders to follow up on the GP20 Plan of Action. Participants explored actions and ways the international community can continue to support efforts to prevent, address and achieve durable solutions to internal displacement.



Photo: Panel Co-Chair, Federica Mogherini, opens the Human Rights Council seminar, with remarks on the GP20 Action Plan and the High-Level Panel's work to identify bold but implementable recommendations. (October 29, Virtual)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Meeting with Principals
 The Secretariat will meet with the principals of ICRC, ICVA, IFRC, InterAction, IOM, UNDRR, UN-Habitat and UNHCR, to brief them on the work of the Panel throughout November.

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Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) Dialogue
 The Secretariat will participate in this first dialogue co-hosted by Canada, Plan International, Save the Children, and WRC.

**TBC
NOV**

Regional Consultations: Asia and the Pacific
 Regional consultations will commence virtually in November with a focus on Asia and the Pacific.